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MORE GROUND

And Evacuated Parts of Advanced Position in Somme Sector to the British

BERLIN WAR OFFICE
MAKES ADMISSION

French Attack in Champagne Is Reported to Have Failed

Berlin, by wireless, Feb. 24.—The Germans yesterday abandoned parts of an advanced position in the Somme sector to the British, the war office announces. A French attack in Champagne failed.

BRITAIN PROVIDING
FOR ARMY OF 5,000,000

Additional Navy Estimate Brings Total Personnel of the Navy Up to 450,000.

London, Feb. 24.—The army estimate issued to-day provides for an army of 5,000,000 men, inclusive of India. The additional navy estimate calls for 50,000 officers and men, bringing the total of the navy personnel to 450,000.

TURKISH TRENCH TAKEN.

British Captured Two Lines in Tigris River Bend.

London, Feb. 24.—The British forces operating against the Turks in the Tigris region of Mesopotamia have captured two lines of trenches near Sanaiyat, according to an official statement issued last evening. The statement says:

"Since the clearing of the Dabra bend (of the Tigris) all our efforts have been concentrated upon the taking of the Sanaiyat position on the left bank of the Tigris. There has been a systematic bombardment daily since the 17th when our attack failed. All preparations were made for a new effort.

"This attack was launched Thursday and two lines of trenches at the south end of the position were secured and consolidated. The fighting is still progressing.

"A heavy rain has caused the Tigris to rise to flood level, hindering the operations and making the supply of troops to the left bank a matter of difficulty."

ACTIVITY IN VOSGES.

French Detachment Penetrated German Lines Near Senones.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The war office announces that a French detachment penetrated the German lines in the Vosges, north of Senones, last night.

TAXATION FOR WAR
JUMPS 20 PER CT.
IN GERMANY

New War Credit of 15,000,000,000 Marks Was Announced to the Reichstag—Credit Voted in October Is Nearly Exhausted.

London, Feb. 24.—War taxation in Germany has been increased 20 per cent. in a budget presented to the Reichstag yesterday by Count Von Roeder, financial minister, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuters.

In announcing a new war credit of 15,000,000,000 marks, Von Roeder explained that an increase in taxation was necessary, because the budget provides no new money, while the safety law enacted last year called for an increase of 50 to 60 per cent. in legal reserve. Count Von Roeder said the war credit voted last October was nearly exhausted.

MANY BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED

By a Series of Tornadoes Which Swept Through Southern States.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Thirteen persons are known to have lost their lives and more than 100 have been reported injured in a series of tornadoes that swept portions of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi yesterday. The most serious loss of life was in middle Alabama. Seven persons were killed in the Hollins-Midway-Stewartsville section of Alabama, and at Whitsett, Alabama, four negroes were killed in the destruction of their cabins.

Much timber was blown down and many residences were damaged. Two negroes were killed at Lithonia, Ga., where at least 60 small dwellings were demolished. Six children were injured in a storm at Georgetown, Miss. Small tornadoes also struck near Methuamka, Ala., and Hursboro, Ala., causing minor property damage.

The tornado was about a mile wide and was moving east. Practically every house in Hollins was damaged, and in some cases residences were completely demolished.

All wires east of Hollins are down, and there is no communication with that thickly settled section. As the storm was moving in that direction, it is feared the loss of life may be greater than now reported.

A number of the killed and injured were school children, as the schoolhouses in each of the three towns of Hollins, Stewartsville and Midway were demolished.

MAY SAIL TO-NIGHT.

Ship Frederik VIII Which Von Bernstorff Is Passenger.

Halifax, Feb. 24.—There were indications to-day that the steamship Frederik VIII, on which Count Von Bernstorff and his party are returning home, will sail to-night for Copenhagen.

TOP OF CHILD'S HEAD
BLOWN OFF BY SHOT

Alfred Lord, Aged 4, of Derby the Victim of M. Chantagne's Carelessness—Latter is Prostrated with Grief.

Newport, Feb. 24.—A shooting accident in which a four-year-old boy lost his life occurred yesterday afternoon at Derby four miles from this village. Alfred, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lord, was instantly killed when a shot gun in the hands of M. Chantagne, a young man, was accidentally discharged. Chantagne stated later that he did not know the gun was loaded.

The little boy was on his way to the home of his grandfather, Joseph Blay, a short distance away and had stopped to play with a neighbor's little girl. While they were at play Chantagne returned from a hunting trip and was handling his gun in a careless manner when it was discharged.

The charge struck the boy in the forehead, blowing off the entire top of his head. Young Chantagne is prostrated with grief.

An inquest will be held by Colby Stoddard, state's attorney for Orleans county.

YOUNG BRIDE ERRANT.

Sentence Suspended and Her Paramour Goes to Prison.

Rutland, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Lena Chamberlain Neve of Castleton was arraigned before Judge Leo E. Pratt of Fair Haven yesterday morning on a serious offense and sentenced to the state's prison for two to three years. The sentence was suspended on the promise of the girl to follow the straight and narrow path. The man in the case, a young fellow by the name of George Farron, was sent to the house of correction for not less than nine and not more than 12 months.

Mrs. Neve, who is only 17 years old, was married last April and within a short time she left her husband, telling the court officials yesterday that he was a horse trader and insisted on traveling from place to place all the time. She returned to her home and there is a divorce suit pending in Orange county court, brought by Mr. Neve.

Mrs. Neve admitted that she had considerable affection for Mr. Farron, but she denied that Farron ever promised to marry her. She said he always treated her with a great deal of respect and was good to her.

Farron was in county court several years ago, figuring in the case of the Center Rutland postoffice, Burr store and other places. He was on probation for several months but his time had expired. Both pleaded guilty to the charge.

SEARCHING FOR
CAUSE OF BIG
FOOD PRICES

Nearly Every Government Department Is Engaged in Seeking the Remedies Also.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Nearly every government department is devoting its energies to-day in searching for the cause of the sudden rise in fuel and food prices or in seeking remedies. Most of the cabinet members are inclined to believe the general car shortage and freight congestion is responsible, and that those conditions were brought on largely by the suspension of trans-Atlantic sailings on account of the German submarine campaign, or by the withdrawals of vessels from trade between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts through the Panama canal.

FUNSTON'S BODY ARRIVES.

Traffic on San Francisco Streets Halted During Procession.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—The body of Major-General Frederick Funston arrived here yesterday afternoon on the Pacific coast for interment to-day in the National cemetery at the Presidio.

A drizzling rain spattered the dress uniforms of army officers of four companies of coast artillery from Fort Winfield Scott, who stood at attention as the flower-covered casket was taken from the car into a hearse.

The march of the funeral cortege was headed by a corps of police to the city hall. All traffic over the two-mile course was halted. At the depot and along the line of march crowds of civilians stood heads bowed in the rain.

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SUNK THOUGH CONVOYED.

French Steamer Athos Was Torpedoed in Mediterranean.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The French steamer Athos, carrying Senegalese troops and colonial laborers, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea.

The torpedoing occurred despite the fact that the Athos was escorted by the French torpedo boat destroyers Mamelek and Enseigne Henry, which, aided by a gunboat, saved 1450 persons from the steamer.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLES.

John W. Vaughan of Barre Has Debts of \$13,579.83, Assets of \$17,117.24.

Rutland, Feb. 24.—John W. Vaughan of Barre, a merchant, against whom involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were begun recently, yesterday filed his schedule in the office in this city of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. His liabilities are \$13,579.82, and he has assets of \$17,117.24. There are 134 creditors.

AMERICANS
ON TWO SHIPS

But in Each Case the Vessels Were Warned and the Crews Were Saved

STATE DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES REPORTS

About Norwegian Steamer Skrim and Norwegian Bark Blenheim

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The sinking of two more vessels by German submarines, both with an American sailor aboard, was reported to the state department to-day by American consuls.

In both cases the vessels were warned and the Americans were landed safely. The vessels were the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian bark Blenheim.

A flurry came late yesterday over a dispatch announcing the torpedoing without warning of the French liner Athos and the drowning of an American missionary on board as a passenger. Any idea, however, that this might be the overt act which would precipitate war was cleared away later by press dispatches telling how the liner was being used as a troop ship under convoy of two destroyers.

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HOLLAND NEARER BREAK WITH GERMANY.

The tremendous destruction of Dutch shipping during the last two days is regarded as the most acute phase of the international situation. It is regarded even as bringing nearer the possibility of a break of diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and Germany. So far Holland has only made protests against the destruction of her neutral ships by German submarines, but the startling operations reported yesterday and to-day are expected to arouse a wave of popular indignation in the Netherlands which that government may find it difficult to withstand, even should it desire to do so. The officials here will be surprised if that government does not take some action.

\$11,600,000 LOSS.

To Dutch Shipping from Attacks by German Submarines.

New York, Feb. 24.—The destruction of Dutch ships by German submarines, reported from London, involves the loss of vessels and cargoes valued at \$11,600,000, according to estimates made to-day by agents of the lines owning the seven ships sunk.

MANY SHIPS SUNK
BY SUBMARINES
DURING TWO DAYS

British Steamers Grenadier and Trojan Prince Destroyed and Captain and Six of Crew of Former Were Killed.

London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Grenadier has been sunk, Lloyd's announces, and her captain and six men were killed. The remainder were landed. The British steamer Trojan Prince of 3,190 tons was also sunk.

Lloyd's also announces that the crews of the following steamers were landed yesterday, their vessels having been sunk Thursday: Zaandijk of 4,180 tons, the Noordwijk of 7,156 tons, the Eemland of 3,770 tons, the Jaacatra of 3,373 tons, the Menado of 5,874 tons, the Bandoeng of 5,891 tons and the Gaasterland of 1,091 tons. All of them were attacked on the western approaches to the English channel.

There are two British steamers Grenadier, one of 1,004 tons and the other of 357 tons.

STEAMER FINLAND
BELIEVED SAFELY
BEYOND WAR ZONE

Ship Which Left Liverpool February 17 Carried 166 Passengers, Including Henry Van Dyke.

New York, Feb. 24.—The American line steamship Finland, carrying 166 passengers, including Henry Van Dyke, former American minister to the Netherlands, sailed from Liverpool Feb. 17 and is due here Tuesday or Wednesday, the American line announced to-day. She is now presumed to be safely beyond the submarine zone.

CHESTER MAN OFFERS MARRIAGE.

Wants Housekeeper, So He Would Marry Young Italian Woman.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Rosario D'Uro, the young Italian woman who created so much excitement at the immigration station a few days ago trying to strangle her lover, Alfio Leonardi, while the latter was testifying before the board of special inquiry, has received an offer of marriage from Mike Carlo of Chester, Vt. She attempted to commit suicide in the detention pen after attacking Leonardi, and ultimately was removed to the hospital.

Carlo, reading of the case in the papers, and, seeing a housekeeper, he persuaded C. T. Holt, the town clerk and treasurer, to write to the immigration officials recommending him as a proper person to marry her, and asking as to procedure. Carlo is preparing to come to this city to press his suit.

Mr. Holt testifies that Mike is of steady habits and a good citizen and believes he will do the right thing. The commissioner of immigration here has taken the matter under advisement.

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SENATE MEETS
IN SORROW

And Adopts Resolutions on the Death of Senator H. E. Eddy

LIEUT.-GOV. HULBURD SPEAKS BRIEFLY

Then the Senate Adjourned Out of Respect to Senator Eddy

On the opening of the Vermont Senate this morning, Lieut.-Gov. Hulburd spoke of the death of Senator Herman E. Eddy of Windham county, as follows:

"Senators: That old, old-fashioned death. Our little circle has been strongly reminded in the last 30 days that the ancient fashion still obtains among us. First, it was our older brother, Senator Kendall, to whose more than three score years and ten had come. Next it was our faithful chaplain, in the very prime of his manhood; and now the grim messenger beckons to the boy of our family, our beloved friend and brother, Senator Eddy.

"He had not lived long, but he had lived long enough to teach us all, and all who knew him, the lesson of the grandeur of honest citizenship and the faithful discharge of duty, and by his example what it means to live for the highest and best things in life. Life is a mystery, but death is a deeper and darker one. It matters little when it comes or where it finds us, provided always it finds us where it found our brothers, Kendall, Farman and Eddy, doing our duty.

"It was my privilege to be a member of the board of examiners for admission to the bar in 1907, when Brother Eddy was examined. I then felt and prophesied that there was before him a career of usefulness. He has not disappointed me. His career was brief but brilliant.

"I have no words to express my sympathy at the loss of our Senator Eddy. We feel that his life has closed too soon, but we should remember that usefulness is not measured by length of years. G. L. Greigware, Thomas C. Carson, A. G. Corbin and Edwin Keast; assistants, J. K. Anderson and Peter Thom.

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Red Men of Iroquois tribe, No. 16, and guests from Winnetka council, No. 10, Degree of Pocahontas, all to the number of 200, came together in Clan Gordon hall last evening for their 13th annual observance of George Washington's birthday. It was the most gala festival of the Red Men's winter season of entertainments and old-timers who have achieved a record of attending every Washington party are ready to depose that last night's affair was the most successful of the thirteen. The festivities began at 8 o'clock and it was not until 5 o'clock this morning that the last of the dancers left the hall.

Under the direction of a committee from the Pocahontas circle, a bountiful feast for the tribesmen and their guests was served at 8:30 o'clock. Roast chicken, prepared in the Indian style, formed the centerpiece for each of the six tables around which the banqueters gathered. Covers had been laid for a few more than 200 and there was not a cant chair when Joseph Collins, chief of the tribe, arose to give the address of welcome. After the dinner he introduced Peter Brown as the toastmaster of the evening and after paying a very graceful tribute to the memory of Washington, Mr. Brown announced that the program would proceed.

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Thirty new voters registered in a total of 65 changes made by the board of civil authority last evening and after work on the checklists had been completed for the evening, the list of officers who are to serve in the several polling places on election day was prepared. Among the 30 who registered, a majority are recently naturalized citizens, new arrivals in town and young men who have attained the age of 21 since the last election constituting the remainder. Thus far 55 names have been added to the list, 25 having registered at the first meeting of the board Tuesday.

Nine members of the board were present and Alderman A. M. Rossi acted as chairman. The 65 changes and additions were divided among the wards as follows: Ward 1, 7; ward 2, 7; ward 3, 23; ward 4, 7; ward 5, 12, and ward 6, 9. No erasures were made last evening, but a number of names are to be stricken from the list when the board meets for its final session. Nearly 150 people, former voters whose names are on the 1916 checklists, have been served with notices to appear before the board and show reason why their names should not be dropped. Thus far 133 changes have been made in two meetings.

Those who have failed to register or who have neglected to see to it that they are registered in the proper ward will have a final opportunity to appear before the board in the court room at 7 o'clock next Wednesday evening at city hall, adjournment having been taken to that hour. After Wednesday material for the checklists will be in the hands of the printer and the time for enrolling will have passed.

Few changes are noted in the list of officers who are to be in authority at the polls March 6. The ward officers, as appointed last night, are given below.

Ward 1—Clerk, George N. Tilden; inspectors, H. A. McNeil, George F. Howe, George I. Beckley; ballot clerks, William Cole, John Paul, David R. Stuart and Charles Oliver; assistants, E. J. Owens and E. N. Philbrick.

Ward 2—Clerk, Charles A. Whitte; inspectors, E. J. Owens, R. P. Lundgren; ballot clerks, Robert Inglis; ballot clerks, H. A. Rugg, R. S. Currier, W. A. Perry and John Rowley; assistants, James Brown and A. G. Fay.

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